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FOR SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: KREISKY INVITATION TO SECRETARY TO ATTEND
20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION IN MAY OF AUSTRIAN
STATE TREATY SIGNING

1. IN THE COURSE OF MY PRESENTATION TO CHANCELLOR KREISKY
IN THE LATE AFTERNOON OF JAN. 15 OF AN ALBUM OF PHOTO-
GRAPHS OF HIS RECENT OFFICIAL VISIT WITH THE PRESIDENT
AND YOU, KREISKY INFORMED ME THAT AUSTRIA WAS PLANNING
A MAJOR CELEBRATION IN MAY TO MARK THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE SIGNING OF THE AUSTRIAN STATE TREATY. HE SAID
AUSTRIA WOULD LIKE TO INVITE THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF
THE FORMER FOUR OCCUPYING POWERS TO ATTEND THE CEREMONIES,
PROVIDED HE HAS PRIOR ASSURANCE ALL FOUR WOULD ATTEND.
MAY 15 HAS BEEN SET AS THE TENTATIVE DATE FOR THE EVENT.
KREISKY EXPLAINED THAT THE PRESENCE OF THE FOUR FOREIGN
MINISTERS WOULD SERVE TO RECALL THE FIRST MAJOR SUCCESS--
SIGNING OF THE AUSTRIAN STATE TREATY--IN EAST-WEST
POLITICAL COOPERATION IN EUROPE. HE SAID HE HAD INDICATIONS
THAT FONMIN GROMYKO WOULD ATTEND AND WOULD
LIKE TO KNOW WHETHER YOU WOULD ATTEND BEFORE INVITING THE
OTHER TWO.

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2. I TOLD KREISKY IN RESPONSE TO HIS QUERY THAT I

WAS NOT IN A POSITION TO SPECULATE ON THE POSSIBILITY OF YOUR ATTENDANCE AT THE CEREMONY BUT THAT I WOULD CONVEY HIS INVITATION TO YOU IMMEDIATELY. I ADDED THAT IN VIEW OF YOUR VERY BUSY SCHEDULE AND OTHER CONSIDERATIONS IT MIGHT NOT BE POSSIBLE TO OBTAIN A RAPID RESPONSE BUT I ASSURED KREISKY THAT AN ANSWER WOULD BE FORTHCOMING ASAP.

3. FOR YOUR INFORMATION, THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS IN 1965 WERE ATTENDED BY THE FOUR FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE FORMER OCCUPYING POWERS OF AUSTRIA. I AM SURE THE AUSTRIANS WOULD BE FLEXIBLE IN THE TIMING AND DURATION OF THE CELEBRATIONS TO MEET YOUR DEMANDING SCHEDULE. YOUR PRESENCE IN VIENNA WOULD OBVIOUSLY SERVE TO DEMONSTRATE PUBLICLY THE CLOSE FRIENDLY RELATIONS WHICH EXIST BETWEEN THE US AND AUSTRIA AND CONTINUED US INTEREST IN THE NEUTRALITY AND WELL BEING OF THIS STRATEGICALLY LOCATED COUNTRY. I THEREFORE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT IF AT ALL POSSIBLE YOU ACCEPT CHANCELLOR KREISKY'S INVITATION AND ATTEND THE ANNIVERSARY CEREMONIES. HUMES

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